Auditing.—The Internal Audit wing of the Office of the Transport Commissioner, is consisted of one Financial Assistant, one Audit Superintendent and 13 Internal Auditors (First Division Clerks) during the year 1970–71.

15. *Planning and Development Wing.*—The Planning and Development wing is consisting of planning and Development Officer (Class-I Senior Regional Transport Officer) Assistant Director of Statistics (Class. II) two Inspectors of Motor Vehicles, one Senior Computor, Two Junior Computors and Clerical staff. In addition to these, there were 23 Junior Computors working in various districts of the Department. A Study of Road Accidents, has been done and the report was issued on the basis of the data for the year 1958 to 1969.

The Statistical information pertaining to Motor Vehicles Department was supplied to the State Government, Central Government and Concerned Departments and Agencies.

The Motor Vehicles Department has derived a revenue of Rs. 11,81,10,303-00 as against Rs. 10,34,25,009-61 during the year 1969–70. The total expenditure on the establishment on the Department was Rs. 33,61,243-78 as against Rs. 24,77,348 during the year 1969–70.

The working of the Department during the year under review was satisfactory.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

P. J. FERNANDES,
Secretary to Government,
Home Department.

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Annual Administration Report of the Inspectorate of Factories for the year 1970—Review of—

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Recorded.

Sri A.P. Balakrishnan, continued to be the Chief Inspector of Factories.

Registration of Factories :—There were 3,423 factories at the beginning of the year. 276 Factories were newly registered and 34 Factories were deleted during the year leaving 3,555 on the register at the close of the year.

Renewal of licences and realisation of fees :—During the year renewed licences were issued to 2,458 factories and fresh licences were issued to 276 factories. A sum of Rs. 6,75,000 was realised by way of fees for registration, renewal, amendment, transfer and surcharge as against Rs. 6,31,410 realised during the previous year.

Employment :—The number of workers employed in the factories during the year was about 2,72,875 as against 2,55,696 during the last year. Despite of the fact that the Annual Returns forms were supplied to the Managements free of cost the submission of the Annual Returns is not satisfactory.

Inspections :—2,832 factories were inspected during the year and 833 factories have not been inspected. More concerted efforts should be made to ensure that all the factories are inspected.

Health, Sanitation and Welfare :—Enforcement of the provisions of the Factories Act relating to health, sanitation and welfare continued to receive special attention of the Inspectorate during the year.

Safety :—Enforcement of the provisions of the Factories Act relating to 'Safety' has been generally satisfactory.

Accidents :—Total number of accidents reported during the year was 11,204 of which 28 were fatal as against the total of 11,621 reported last year. Although there is decrease in the number of accidents it is yet alarming. Adequate steps must be taken by the Inspectorate to reduce the number of accidents.

Hours of work:—Enforcement of the provisions of the Factories Act relating to 'Hours of work' was satisfactory.

Creches and Canteens :—53 factories provided Creche facilities as against 39 during the previous year and 128 factories maintained Canteens as against 93 during last year.

Prosecutions :—During the year prosecutions were launched against occupiers and Managers of 53 factories for the contraventions of various provisions of the Factories Act and Rules. Of these 27 cases ended in conviction and 3 in acquittal. A sum of Rs. 1,475 was realised as fines.

Exemptions :—45 factories were granted exemption from the various provisions of the Factories Act during the year.

Dangerous Operations :—The provisions of the Factories Act and Rules relating to dangerous operations have been generally complied with but there is still scope for improvement.

Maternity Benefit Act :—1,418 factories were covered by the Act involving 19,863 women workers. Out of 1,050 claims 709 claims were accepted and paid and in 165 cases special bonus was paid. A sum of Rs. 98,068.74 ps. was paid as Maternity Benefit including a sum of Rs. 9,271-68 paid as special bonus. 176 women workers enjoyed full maternity leave prior to confinement.

Payment of Wages Act :—Enforcement of provisions of the Act has been satisfactory.

General :—On the whole the working of the Inspectorate during the year under report was satisfactory.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

ANIRUDHA DESAI,
Under Secretary to Government,
Food, Civil Supplies and Labour Department.